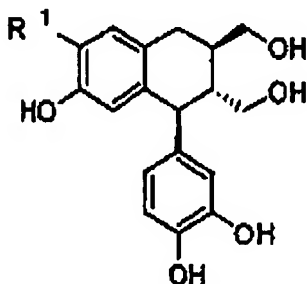


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (New) A method of treating or preventing osteoporosis comprising the step of:

treating a patient with a compound shown in formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound shown in formula (1) as an effective ingredient,



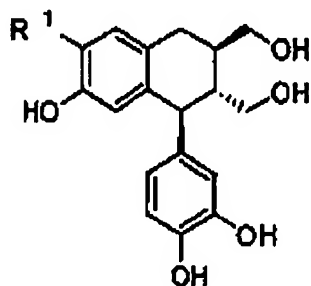
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wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1 to 4.

3. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1 to 2.
4. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1.

5. (New) A method of inhibiting bone resorption comprising the step of:

treating a patient with a compound shown in formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound shown in formula (1) as an effective ingredient,



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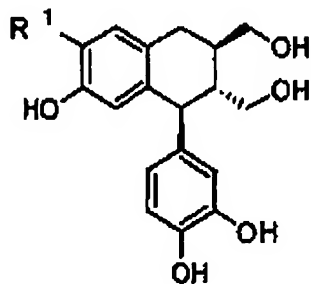
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6. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1 to 2.

7. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1.

8. (New) A method of improving bone formation comprising the step of:

treating a patient with a compound shown in formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester of said compound shown in formula (1) as an effective ingredient,



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wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1 to 4.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1 to 2.

10. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein R¹ is an alkyloxy group having a carbon number of 1.